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Glory in the Highest

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased! Luke 2: 14.

The term glory is a word of many meanings, not all of which are fully Christian. Paul said that he would glory only in his infirmities that the power of Christ might rest upon him, but too often we simply glory in our infirmities to invite sympathy! We refer to our flag as "Old Glory," and there *is* something glorious about the free nation it symbolizes, but flag-waving is by no means always a glorious act.

Christians sometimes refer to what lies beyond the grave as "going home to glory," and at least the older readers of ZIONS HERALD will remember a popular gospel hymn called the "Glory Song," with its rapturous affirmation that "Oh, that will be glory for me!" It is to disparage none of these to say that there is a higher use of the term glory, and this meaning is found in the song of the angels on the first Christmas morning.

Christmas means many things—carols, lights, pageantry, gifts to those we love, a mellowing good cheer, a new hope of peace in our hearts and peace on earth amid our strife-torn world. But, above all, it means glory to God and gratitude to Him for His supreme gift.

Glory to God in the highest is the mood in which to adore the Christ child and to follow the Christ who lived among us to show us God. Every humble ordinary person then takes on a new glory as His brothers, every small task done in His name becomes a glorious deed. With the Christmas glory in our souls, His star shines upon us to glorify all our common days, and Christmas need not end when the festivities are done.

Unto Thee, O God, we lift grateful hearts for all Thy good gifts but, above all, for Thy greatest gift of Jesus Christ our Lord. In Thine infinite glory we adore Thee, and pray Thy presence to give a new glory to our lives. Amen.

by George Harkness

On the Cover . . .

Mother and daughter blending their voices in Christmas carols as choir members at Bethany Methodist Church, Roslindale, Mass., are Mrs. Marion Smerage (left) and her daughter, Jewel, "Miss Massachusetts" and a runner-up for "Miss America."

Faithful members at Bethany, Mrs. Smerage has served as a teacher in the Sunday School and as a member of the Woman's Society.

For additional pictures and a feature story on this Methodist family, see pages 12 and 13.

The Christmas Spirit

The Christmas Spirit is difficult, if not impossible to define or explain.

It cannot be written about, but
it is the spirit in the writing.
It is not in a gift, but
it is in giving of self.
It is not only for children, but
it is the spirit of man's maturity.
It is not a party, but
it is the jolly fellowship of good fun.
It is not a program, but
it is the inspiration of planned activity.
It is not a trip, but
it is the expanding urge which seeks new things.
It is not a big dinner, but
it is a feast on the Bread of Life.
It is not a family gathering, but
it is the tie of love which makes a family.
It is not a greeting card, but
it is the expression of lasting good will.
It is not work to weariness, but
it is the spirit which makes burdens light.
It is not color and noise, but
it is the longing for beauty and harmony.
It is not man turned pagan, but
it is Christ in man.

Birthday Party

There was once a man who was invited to a birthday party and, ladened with gifts, he arrived a bit bored but with hopeful anticipation.

There were introductions with confusion of tongues so that names were immediately forgotten. Soon, however, refreshments were served and the spirit of the man was lifted. In fact, his spirit was so lifted that he gladly accepted the urge to have another glass. Thus encouraged the urge grew, followed by quick response, and the man began to enjoy the party. He didn't mind forgotten names—faces looked pretty much the same, anyway.

He even found himself laughing—loudly, too. He was now having a great time—glad he came—nothing like a party.

He was a bit sorry that it got late so soon. Of course, the fun was dying out and, furthermore, he didn't feel so good, and he was sorry in a vague kind of way, kind of mad too, about breaking that lamp. But, they didn't have to get so worked up about it—anyone could stumble now and then, especially when they had the edge of the rug sticking up like that.

It wasn't until he was somewhere on the way home that he missed his hat. It was then, too, that he noticed his hand—must have been scraped when it hit the sidewalk—wished he'd driven the car—foolish to walk. . . .

. . . Late the next day (was it Christmas?) the man found he could recall a bit of the party. Somehow he felt the whole thing was a big flop. He wasn't quite sure why—couldn't think too clearly.

Perhaps, he concluded as he took another sip of ice water, the party would have been much better, and different, if he had known Whose birthday celebration it was.

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MRS. THEODORE O. WEDEL, Washington, D. C., President, United Church Women: "The new figures on church membership indicate not only a growing spiritual hunger on the part of our people (but also) that all the religious bodies in the U. S. A. are doing an increasingly good job of winning people to the Church, and of making religion relevant to modern life. . . . I am convinced from my constant contact with church women that there is today a very real deepening of faith . . . seen in greater interest in prayer and Bible study and in a growing sense of social concern. . . . The real test will come in the next ten to fifteen years when we discover whether increased membership brings decreased crime, juvenile delinquency, divorce and social and racial tension."

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God With Us

Promised by an angel . . .

And the angel said to Mary,
"The Holy Spirit
will come upon you,
and the power of the Most High
will overshadow you;
therefore the child to be born
will be called holy,
the Son of God."

Protected by a father . . .

And her husband Joseph,
being a just man,
considered this . . .
An angel of the Lord appeared to him,
saying,
"Joseph, son of David, do not fear
to take Mary your wife,
for that which is conceived in her
is of the Holy Spirit;
she will bear a son,
and you shall call his name
Jesus,
for he shall save his people
from their sins."

Presented by a mother . . .

"And she gave birth
to her firstborn son
and wrapped him in swaddling clothes,
and laid him in a manger,
because there was no place for them
in the inn."

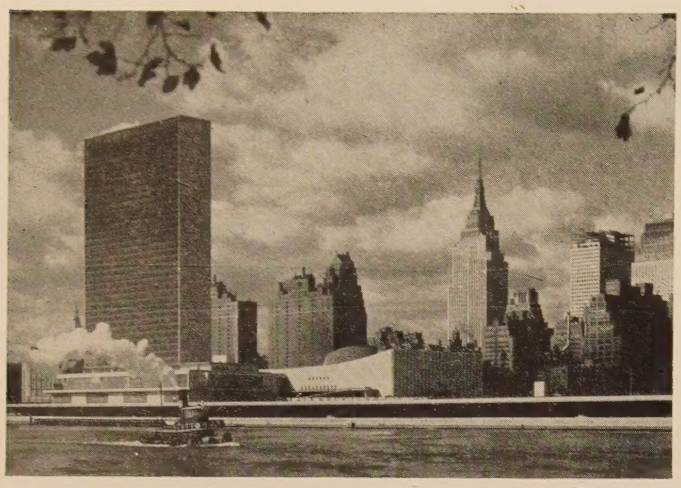
Praised by the world . . .

And the angel said to them,
"Be not afraid; for behold
I bring you good news of a great joy
which will come to all the people;
for to you is born this day
in the city of David
A Savior,
who is Christ
the Lord."

A multitude of the heavenly host
praising God and saying,
"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace
among men with whom he is pleased."

And the shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God
for all they had heard and seen,
as it was told to them.

Wise men from the East saying,
"we have seen his star in the East,
and have come to worship him."



World News

CHURCH-BACKED JUDGES ALL ELECTED

All candidates for municipal and district court judgeships endorsed by a church-backed Citizens Committee for Law Enforcement were elected in Omaha, Neb. Only one district court judge who was opposed went back into office.

Two long-time judges fought by the committee were ousted. One, a municipal court judge, had been accused of wholesale traffic ticket-fixing. A district court judge who had been on the bench for 20 years also was beaten. He was charged with associating with the underworld element.

It was the first time in years that the churches got into the campaign for judges. At least a dozen ministers endorsed the committee slate from their pulpits.

More than 50 churches worked against "unacceptable" candidates through public affairs committees.

Omaha voters, angry at evidence of machine manipulations on the bench and mishandling of sex molestation cases involving children, went to the polls in record numbers. The Parent-Teachers Association exposed the careless handling of sex cases.

Political veterans said that the election gives Omaha the strongest and cleanest municipal and district courts in many years.

ANTI-SEGREGATION CANDIDATE LOSES DESPITE CLERGY

Dr. Charles A. Tuthill, an anti-segregation candidate for the Arlington, Va., County school board, was defeated by a narrow margin despite support from county clergymen.

He lost to Dr. Lucas Blevins, an opponent of desegregation.

During the campaign Arlington ministers discussed the moral issues which they said were involved.

With Dr. Blevins' election the school board will have a 3-2 majority of segregation supporters.

REPORTS CLERGYMEN NOT SAFE DRIVERS

Clergymen as a group are "not good, safe drivers," M. L. Allison of the accident prevention department of Employers Mutual Casualty Company, Charlotte, N. C., said in Asheville, N. C.

"Most clergymen drive like they are going to a fire," he told the North Carolina Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

His topic was "We Forget Our Religion When We Drive."

AMERICANS GAVE MORE TO CHURCHES IN 1955

Americans gave more to their churches last year than ever before in history.

Contributions totaling $1,842,592,260—an overall increase of 11 per cent above the previous year—have been reported for 1955 by 48 Protestant and 2 Eastern Orthodox church bodies.

The 1955 figure, representing the giving of more than 48,800,000 church members, is a per capita increase of eight per cent—from $49.96 in 1954 to a new all-time high of $53.94.

The new figures were announced by the Rev. T. K. Thompson, executive director of the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches. The survey was compiled by the Department in co-operation with the Council's Bureau of Research and Survey.

CHAPLAINCY COMMISSION TO SHIFT EMPHASIS

Reorganization of the General Commission on Chaplains was approved at its semi-annual meeting in Washington by delegates representing major co-operating Protestant denominations.

The aim will be to expand the agency's work among young adults in the service and young married couples living at military bases.

Dr. Marion J. Creeger, executive secretary, said the Chiefs of Chaplains of the Armed Forces had advised the commission it is pitching its program at too low an age bracket. The chiefs particularly asked for more work among young married couples.

"They pointed out that there are not so many single teenagers in the Armed Forces now," Dr. Creeger said, "and that we have an increasing number of young married couples with young children."

He said the chaplains also stressed that a young man who comes out of high school and enters the Armed Forces matures rapidly and should be considered a "young adult," in terms of church programs, within six months or so.

Under the reorganization plan the commission will be divided into a Department of Chaplaincy Services and a Department on Ministry to Personnel in the Armed Services. The United Fellowship of Protestants, organization of servicemen sponsored by the commission, will operate as part of the personnel department.

OCTOBER CHURCH CONSTRUCTION SETS MONTHLY RECORD

Church construction set a monthly record of $76,000,000 in October, Departments of Commerce and Labor reported in Washington, D. C.

Construction experts said the high figure was surprising in view of the general decline in building activitiy at this time of the year.

Ordinarily, construction activity reaches its peak in August, levels off in September and begins to drop in October. As the cold weather sets in building comes to a virtual standstill in the northern states.

The October figure was $2,000,000 higher than September and $5,000,000 more than August. It was $8,000,000 above the October, 1955, level.

The fall boom has put church building well ahead of the 1955 record and assures a new high mark for 1956. Earlier this year church construction was lagging a little behind the 1955 level, according to government estimates.

PENTECOSTALS ASK MINISTERS TO SHUN TV

The United Pentecostal Church struck a blow at the quality of television programs by urging its ministers not to have sets in their homes.

The recommendation was approved by a majority of some 2,500 delegates attending the denomination's 32nd annual general conference in Memphis, Tenn.

The Rev. A. T. Morgan of St. Louis, general superintendent, said the action is a follow-up of a resolution approved at the annual meeting in Tulsa last year. This condemned television as "unwholesome and not conducive to good Christian living," and in effect forbade church members to watch TV shows.

Officials of the denomination found that enforcement of last year's resolution has not been as effective as they would like. The conference's action here called for ministers to set an example to their congregations in refusing to buy sets or watch programs.

INDUSTRIAL PLANTS TO GET BIBLES

Gideon Bibles will soon be available in waiting rooms of many Connecticut industrial plants.

The Manufacturers Association of Connecticut is sponsoring the plan. At its recent annual meeting a "brainstorm session" was held on "How Can Industry Contribute Leadership to the Community?" One of the ideas brought forth was placing Bibles in reception rooms of plants.

Albert S. Redway, association president, wrote the 1,600 company presidents in the association. Their response was reported as "amazing."

The return mail during the first two days brought nearly 200 enthusiastic replies. Two of the company presidents said they already had Bibles in their reception rooms; the rest wanted them.

ANOTHER PROTESTANT CHURCH MEMBER SHOT DEAD

A lay leader of the Protestant congregation in Buenavista, Caldas Department, was murdered on October 3, 1956, according to a further report from the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia. Luis Arce was working on his farm with his brother and a hired man when several men dressed as police arrived. After questioning him about his religious beliefs they ordered him and his two companions to accompany them to an office of the police. A short distance out of Buenavista the three men were shot dead and left on the trail.

Luis Arce, who was between 30 and 35 years of age, leaves a widow and six children. The victim was a Sunday School teacher and lay preacher of the Buenavista Protestant Church. Mrs. Arce is the daughter of one of the founders of the church, which is affiliated with the Gospel Missionary Union.

The death of Sr. Arce brings to 78 the number of Protestant Christians killed since 1948 because of their religious faith. Three deaths have occurred within the last month. Although the victim's brother and employee were "sympathizers"; i.e., openly friendly and receptive to Protestant Christianity, they were not members of the Church of Buenavista.

SCHWEITZER TO GET GOATS FROM E & R CHURCH

The Commission on World Service of the Evangelical and Reformed Church announced it will sponsor a shipment of goats to Dr. Albert Schweitzer, famed medical missionary, at his hospital in Lambarene, French Equatorial Africa.

LUTHERANS PLAN SEVERAL MERGERS

Merger combining seven Lutheran bodies into two groups is currently under consideration.

Representatives of the United Lutheran Church in America, Augustana Lutheran Church, Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Church (Suomi Synod) and American Evangelical Lutheran Church, with a combined membership of more than 2,861,000 will meet in Chicago, December 12-13, to begin conversations looking toward organic union.

Three other Lutheran bodies now engaged in negotiations for a separate merger are the American Lutheran Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church and the United Evangelical Lutheran Church. All three have agreed by majority vote of their biennial conventions to take action on the merger, with the result that a new Lutheran Church of 2,000,000 members will be formed within the next five years.

At recent biennial conventions, the remarriage of persons who have repented of their guilt in a divorce has been approved by both the American Lutheran Church and the United Lutheran Church in America.

Other resolutions at the United Lutheran Church convention:

—endorsed planned parenthood.

—called upon its members to work with "Christian patience and understanding" for the "fullest realization" of racial equality.

—approved a plan to train 100 pastors and laymen to conduct education and action programs looking toward achievement of desegregation.

—placed itself on record officially as being ready to merge with "all or any" of the Lutheran bodies in this country.

—approved establishment of Lutheran parochial schools in communities where "conditions make such action favorable."

The American Lutheran Church has adopted:

—a policy for inter-racial ministry in which segregation is condemned as a violation of God's pattern for mankind.

—a statement warning its congregations against both hasty action and inaction in integration.

NEWS FROM QUAKER COMMITTEES, CONFERENCES

The federal government is spending only 22 cents out of every tax dollar for non-military purposes, the Friends Committee on National Legislation reported in Washington, D. C.

The Quaker group said a survey of current appropriations and contract commitments shows that 69.8 per cent of all government expenditures will be devoted to military preparations and 8.1 per cent to paying the debts of past wars. Only 22.1 per cent will be spent on the ordinary civilian purposes of government, the committee said.

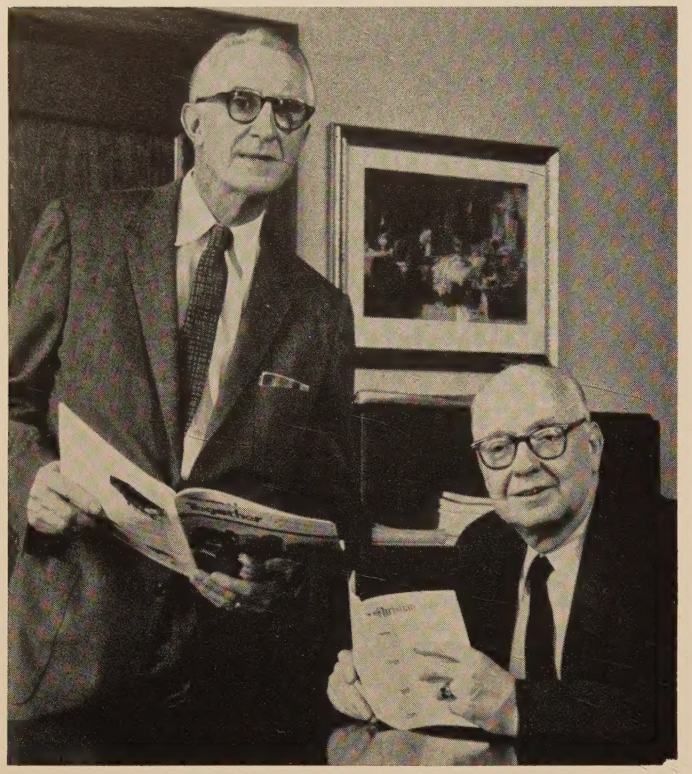
Quaker Men, gathered at Germantown, Ohio, for their second national conference, approved plans for increased support to Quaker colleges, financial scholarships for ministerial students, and sponsorship of a supervisor for agriculture development on the Friends Africa Mission in Kenya Colony.

The United Society of Friends Women, meeting in Wilmington, Ohio, for their 25th triennial national conference, called for "more faithful individual expression" of the concern for peace and Christian Social relations "at the home community level, as well as at the national and world levels."

In other resolutions, the Quaker women pledged to make their homes "such centers of Christian living that from them can go forth consecrated leaders"; to become well informed on all political issues and vote intelligently; to support the United Nations; to work toward the repeal of the draft law and compulsory reserve law; and to press for universal disarmament and the end of H-bomb tests.

Methodism

"TOGETHER" AND "NEW CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE" EDITORS



Leland Case, editor of Methodism's new family magazine "Together" and Dr. T. Otto Nall, editor of "The New Christian Advocate," for the ministry and church leaders.

First issues of The Methodist Church's two new church papers, *Together* and *The New Christian Advocate,* came off the press in October. Initial distribution of the two papers totaled approximately 750,000 copies, almost three times the circulation of the *Christian Advocate* and *The Pastor,* which have now ceased publication.

The two new magazines carry on jointly the tradition of the 130-year-old *Christian Advocate. Together,* an 88-page monthly publication incorporating extensive use of color and photographic illustration, is designed for the Methodist family and will carry human interest features as well as general news coverage of the Methodist scene. *The New Christian Advocate,* a 130-page digest size magazine, will also be published monthly with appeal to the ministry and lay leadership of the church. Departmentalizing the treatment of ministers' interests and local church affairs, it continues the service of the 19-year-old publication, *The Pastor.*

The editor of *Together* is Leland D. Case. He is the son of a Methodist minister and for 20 years was editor of *The Rotarian.* Dr. T. Otto Nall, former editor of the *Christian Advocate,* is editor of *The New Christian Advocate.* Managing editor of *Together* is Charles W. Keysor, who for several years was managing editor of *The Kiwanis Magazine.* Newman S. Cryer, formerly editor of *The Pastor,* is managing editor of *The New Christian Advocate.*

Together and *The New Christian Advocate* were approved by the General Conference of 1956. They are the publishing responsibility of The Methodist Publishing House and are published in Chicago.

The new magazines have been hailed by church leaders as the answers to the church's need for a vital publishing program to take religion into the home, as well as to carry on the responsibilities of serving the ministry and the lay leadership with thought-provoking articles for the program of the local church.

Subscriptions to *Together* are being primarily received on the all family plan from local churches. Under this arrangement the subscription price is $2, the same price as was charged for the initial number of the *Christian Advocate* in 1826. Subscription rate for *The New Christian Advocate* is $3 per year.

ASSOCIATION OF WESLEY FOUNDATIONS

The Methodist Church has a new organization—**the Association of Wesley Foundations of The Methodist Church.**

Also, another Methodist organization has a new name. The Methodist Student Workers' Association has changed its name to the **Association of College and University Ministers of The Methodist Church.**

Both actions were taken at the fifth biennial Methodist Student Workers' Seminar, October 25-29, in Nashville.

Two purposes of the Association of Wesley Foundations are:

1. To determine, clarify, develop and promote the distinctive institutional interests of the Wesley Foundations.
2. To provide channels within which common concerns may be discussed and expressed to the whole church.

A Wesley Foundation is The Methodist Church at work at a state or independent college or university.

The name, Association of College and University Ministers of The Methodist Church, was chosen by the Methodist Student Workers' Association because it was thought to be more descriptive of the organization and the responsibilities of the members.

METHODIST CONVENTION CENTER ADVISED

A Methodist general agency has recommended that The Methodist Church study the advisability of having its own "convention center" for church meetings.

The Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations voted to request the church's Council of Secretaries and Council of Bishops to explore the possibility and feasibility of securing a general meeting place for Methodist groups.

The Rev. Harold W. Ewing, Nashville, made the motion in the annual meeting of the committee, October 22, at the Sheraton-Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati. He is national director of youth work for the Methodist General Board of Education.

"What we need is a suburban-type hotel in a campus atmosphere," said Mr. Ewing. "The center should have an auditorium large enough to accommodate our largest meetings, including the General Conference."

Scores of national and regional Methodist meetings are held each year. Mr. Ewing said he thought that in many cases such a center could provide the meetings better accommodations at less cost than at present.

METHODIST UNINJURED IN HONG KONG

Riots between Nationalist and Communist Chinese groups in Hong Kong, October 10-11, in which about 50 persons were killed, left Methodist property undamaged and Methodist personnel uninjured. That information came to the Methodist Board of Missions by cable from Bishop Ralph A. Ward.

Bishop Ward's cable October 18, seven days after fighting ended, said: "Hong Kong conditions quiet. Our people continuously safe and working normally."

The clashes broke out on Kowloon, the mainland part of the British Crown Colony, October 10, the forty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Republic by Sun Yat-Sen. Rioting was most prevalent among the thousands of refugees from Communist China. It spread to the island of Hong Kong October 11 and at the height authorities estimated as many as 20,000 persons were involved.

RALPH DODGE CONSECRATED BISHOP IN AFRICA

Methodist bishops, missionaries and African ministers share in this consecration service for Bishop Ralph E. Dodge, the first bishop to be elected and consecrated by the Africa Central Conference. Bishop Dodge, who was for seven years secretary for Africa and Europe of the Methodist Board of Missions, was elected October 12 and consecrated October 21 at Elisabethville, the Congo, where the conference was held. The service was led by Bishop Newell S. Booth (left) of the Belgian Congo and Bishop Arthur J. Moore (second from left), Atlanta, Ga., representative to the conference of the Methodist Council of Bishops. Assisting the bishops were representatives of each of the five annual conferences which make up the Africa Central Conference. They are (l. to r.) the Rev. Marshall Murphree, Southern Rhodesia Conference; the Rev. Gideon Jamella, Southeast Africa Conference; the Rev. Alexander J. Reid, Central Congo Conference; the Rev. Julio J. Miguel, Angola Conference, and the Rev. Joel Bulaya, Southern Congo Conference. Bishop Dodge will administer Methodist work in Southern Rhodesia, Angola, Mozambique and the Union of South Africa.

SUMMARY OF JUDICIAL COUNCIL REPORT

The Judicial Council of The Methodist Church, meeting in Santa Monica, California, on October 23 and 24, rendered the following six decisions:

1. A minister on missionary service shall be counted at the Annual Conference of which he is a member for representation at the General Conference.

2. A Provisional Annual Conference may not vote on the constitutional amendments handed down to the Annual Conferences by the 1956 General Conference.

3. The effective date of the retirement of a minister who seeks voluntary retirement is the date of the adjournment of that session of his Annual Conference at which his request for retirement is approved and the Annual Conference can fix no other date.

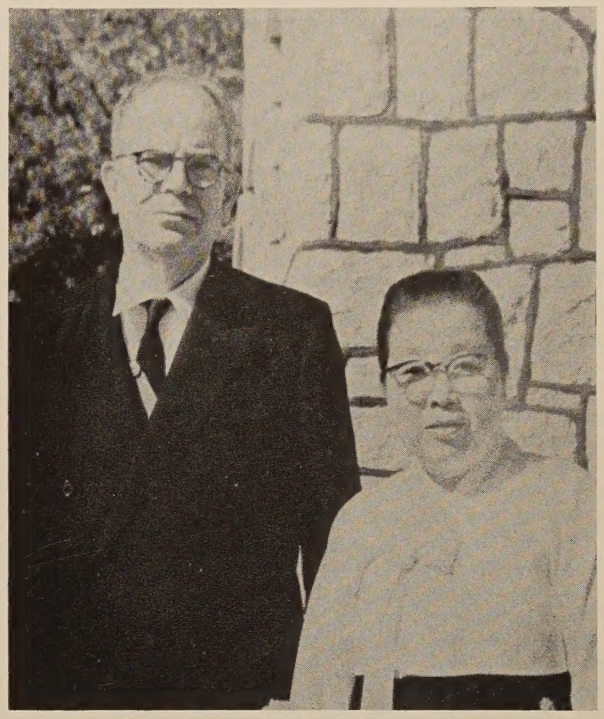
4. In the 1956 amendment to paragraph 1924 of the 1952 Discipline, when reference is made to "the formal vote of the conference" this, in effect, means the formal vote of the ministerial members of the conference who may be entitled to vote under the constitution on the question then before the conference.

5. A Board of Trustees of an Annual Conference or any other group or organization related to an Annual Conference may legally accept title to real estate which does not contain the trust clause as set forth in par. 174 of the 1952 Discipline.

6. An Annual Conference cannot grant to full-time approved supply pastors who are ordained elders and who have served charges during the past year the privilege of voting on any matter and that the legislation adopted by the 1956 General Conference permitting this privilege contravenes the constitution of The Methodist Church.

Because of the nature and volume of evidence, the Council deferred decision on a ruling involving the California-Nevada Conference joint distributing committee until it had more adequate time to determine the facts.

DR. DENMAN CONDUCTS EVANGELISTIC MEETING IN KOREA



Dr. Harry Denman, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, and Dr. Helen Kim, president of Ewha University in Korea, who acted as interpreter for Dr. Denman during recent evangelistic meeting in Korea.

Word has been received that more than 700 women were baptized on the closing day of a recent evangelistic meeting conducted in Korea by Dr. Harry Denman, general secretary of the Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville.

The evangelistic mission was at Ewha University in Seoul October 10-20. Largest women's university in the Far East, it is owned and operated by the Methodist Woman's Division of Christian Service. The student body numbers about 4,000, and that number attended the services each morning.

The university president, Dr. Helen Kim, interpreted as Dr. Denman delivered the evangelistic messages. However, more than half the students understand English, and Dr. Denman had interviews with many of them. The approximately 200 faculty members also interviewed students in connection with the evangelistic mission.

A great believer in personal evangelism, Dr. Denman, in his travels, talks about Christ to bell-boys, porters, waitresses, cab drivers and others in various walks of life. If he has an hour or more between trains or planes, he often selects a street at random and makes a door-to-door canvass in the interest of the Christian cause.

Dr. Denman is said to have spoken in more churches across the country than any other Methodist official. A layman and a bachelor, he is a native of Birmingham, Ala.

NEXT STEP FOR SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

A two-year program of research is the next step in the establishment of a million-dollar School of International Service at American University as a Protestant training center for government career workers.

The school is scheduled to open in the fall of 1958.

Heading the research project will be Dr. Pitman B. Potter of the university faculty, it was announced by President Hurst R. Anderson.

Dr. Potter, professor of international law and chairman of the university's Department of International Relations and Organization since 1944, has been released from his academic duties to direct the research program. Dr. Potter, 64, is widely-known in educational, government and legal circles.

Methodist churches throughout the country are helping finance the new School of International Service. Earlier this year the denomination's General Conference, top policy-making body, authorized $1,000,000 to establish the school as a part of the church's four-year emphasis on Christian higher education.

METHODIST CHURCH SEEKS 602 MISSIONARIES

The Board of Missions of the Methodist Church has announced openings for 602 career missionaries for its home and overseas fields during 1957.

In announcing its needs for the coming year, the Board, through its Office of Missionary Personnel, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y., said that a step-up in the number of personnel needed for lifetime service has been brought about largely because of the evangelistic emphasis planned in the next four years. The emphasis, termed "A Call to Witness and Decision," aims at increased evangelism in all overseas fields and concentrated efforts in four selected countries—the Belgian Congo, Korea, Sarawak (North Borneo) and Bolivia. (See November issue, ZIONS HERALD.)

The Division of World Missions has openings for 252 single men or couples and has set as a minimum goal for the year 136 persons (68 couples). That is an increase of about 50 per cent over the minimum goal of 90 persons sought annually in the last few years. Of the minimum, 34 are being sought for the four "lands of decision."

The Woman's Division of Christian Service is seeking 250 single women for service in its overseas fields and 100 men and women for service in home fields. The women in home fields are deaconesses and the men are home missionaries.

The breakdown of overseas needs by vocation shows that the largest numbers of persons are needed in educational work, church and social work and medical work. Smaller numbers are needed in the fields of agriculture, building, engineering, business, commerce, secretarial work and accounting.

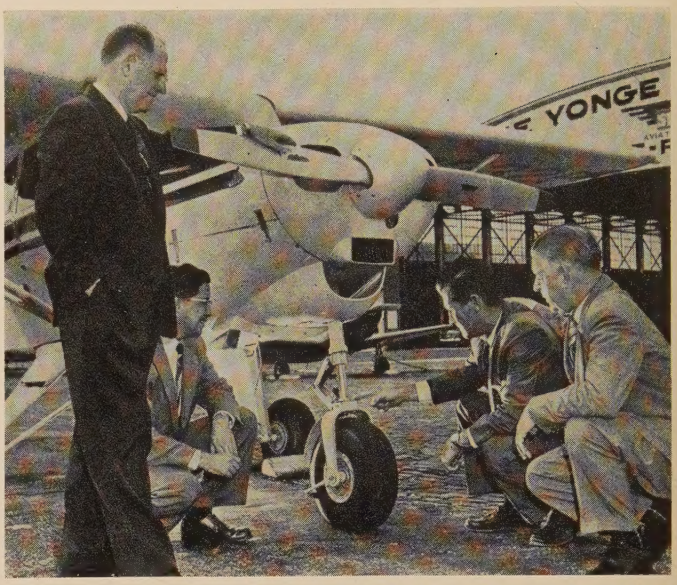
1958 TOURS FOR METHODIST YOUNG ADULTS ANNOUNCED

Two projected tours for young adults of The Methodist Church are announced for 1958 by the Methodist Interboard Committee on Missionary Education. One will be to Puerto Rico in the early summer of 1958 and the other to Japan, by way of Alaska and Hawaii, in August.

The Puerto Rican tour will be at the time of the first conference-wide meeting of young adults there. The Japanese tour will be at the time of a world convention on Christian education in Tokyo.

Purpose of the tours is to help young adults gain first-hand knowledge of the life and work of the church abroad. They will be conducted in co-operation with the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation of the Board of Missions.

"CIRCUIT RIDER V" ON U.S. TOUR



Inspecting the "Circuit Rider V," l. to r.: Dr. Clare Cotton, Jacksonville, Fla., district superintendent; the Rev. Monroe C. Hatch, district mission secretary; the Rev. Curran L. Spottswood; and Bishop John W. Branscomb of the Jacksonville Area.

(Photo courtesy Jacksonville, Fla., *Times-Union.)*

"Circuit Rider V" will visit many U. S. Methodist churches between now and April, 1957. With this twentieth-century "circuit rider" will be its pilot, Missionary Curran L. Spottswoood, of Florida, U. S. A., and of Mindanao, one of the islands of the Philippines.

"Circuit Rider V" is a four-place Piper Tri-Pacer airplane, and is the fifth plane the Rev. Mr. Spottswood has owned in his ten years in the Philippines. He is on furlough, and will be traveling to speaking engagements in this country before his return in April to the Philippines.

The "flying parson of the Philippines" has been a missionary to the Philippines since 1946, the last three years on Mindanao. He was the first Methodist missionary to go into that island, and he led the development of a Christian rural center which sponsors medical, dental, agricultural, educational and evangelistic work there.

About one thousand hours of his missionary business have been spent in the air, and these flying hours have saved time and lives.

Persons

The Rev. Dr. Charles Parkin has been named new director of the Division of National Missions, The Methodist Board of Missions. New address of the Division is 1701 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Charles M. (Pat) McConnell was honored by the Methodist Rural Fellowship at a dinner meeting at the Centenary Methodist Church in St. Louis, Missouri, October 17, and presented an honorary life membership in the MRF. Author of the Methodist mission study book, *High Hours of Methodism in Town-Country Communities*, Dr. McConnell was for many years professor of town and country church at Boston University.

Bishop and Mrs. Edgar A. Love of Baltimore narrowly escaped death or serious injury October 26 when their car went out of control on the Baltimore-Washington Expressway in a driving rain and hurtled down an embankment. Their car was completely demolished. The Loves escaped with minor injuries.

En Route To Malaya

M/S ASIA
Mediterranean Sea
October 3, 1956

I saw God at work last Sunday.

You may say that He works each day, and it is true. But, this was a time when no one could fail to see His presence and guidance.

All of the world's Christians have been thrilled at the many and varied evidences of the Church's progress toward unity in action, in love, and in Christ. But, all too often, the great meetings of the World Council of Churches, of the National Council of Churches, of the International Missionary Council, and other ecumenical bodies have involved only the leaders of our churches. The average local congregation goes on from Sunday to Sunday without any visible change in their lives and attitudes. I have heard so many people say that they wished this spirit of unity could influence our day-to-day thinking.

God did just that Sunday night. I have been in many services around the world that bore witness to the universal Brotherhood in Christ known under the Fatherhood of God. But, I do not think any has equalled the experience we had in the Chapel on the campus of the great Methodist Orphanage in Naples, Italy.

During lunch, Fabio Santi, the Director of Casa Materna and the most beloved citizen of Portici (in spite of the fact that the city is 95% Roman Catholic), turned to me and said, "Oscar, we want you to take part in an ecumenical service tonight." Little did I know what that was to mean!

"Papa" Santi opened the worship with prayer, a hymn, and a few remarks. Not knowing Italian, I did not know what he said; but who needs to understand Papa's words. One just sits and looks at that white-haired man and thinks back over the 86 years he has spent in serving His Lord, of the many hard years of sacrifice he and "Mama" Santi spent in loving and caring for those 8,000 children they have raised. And, now one senses his great loneliness since "Mama" passed on in June. But, it was "Papa" who set the mood for the evening.

Then, came a very dynamic sermon by Mr. Ivo Bellacchini on "Peace and Reconciliation with God." How well equipped he is to speak on that subject, for several years Ivo served as Priest for a large Roman Catholic Church near Florence, Italy. Constantly doubts crept into his mind. There was no Peace. God did not seem near, but far away. He celebrated Mass, but it did not seem to add to his own life, nor did he feel that it satisfied the real needs of his people. Surely there were many who gained inspiration, but was he giving them the road to the real Peace that is only found when one is brought into Friendship with God? Finally, Ivo could do it no longer. He went to his Bishop and told him of his doubts, of his lack of inner peace, and of his decision to leave the priesthood. The Bishop replied that he would help him. He would send him to a larger parish and see that he had a better church. Ivo knew that that was not his need. Material things never bring the inner sense of being with God. So, he explained to his people his feeling and left the church. Since everything he owned was in the name of the church, he was completely stripped of all wealth. He went to his parents, who lived nearby, but the power of the Roman Church reached them, and they were forced to flee with Ivo, leaving everything behind. The entire family rushed to Casa Materna, where they knew they could find food and shelter. There the Mother and Father live and work, while Ivo completes his final year at the Protestant Seminary in Rome, preparing to go back into the active pastorate as a Methodist minister.

THE SANTI FAMILY

Left to right: Fabio Santi, the Rev. Ricardo "Papa" Santi, Mrs. Teofilo Santi and daughter, Dr. Teofilo Santi.

(Note: Fabio Santi, director of Casa Materna, was killed in an automobile accident on October 23 in Rome.)

Following this sermon, which was briefly translated to me by Dr. Teofilo Santi, I spoke. With Teofilo beside one to translate your feeble words into Italian, you again sense the greatness of this Santi Family. He stands there, the Director of Casa Mia (Congregational Social Service Center in Naples), physician, scholar and dedicated layman, and with utmost ease takes your words and gives them the proper meaning and spirit in Italian. I was to continue the world-wide emphasis with a greeting from America, China (where we had worked) and Malaya (our new mission field).

Bill came next. The Rev. William Pietsch of the Conservative Baptist Church was a friend I had met on the *Conte Biancamano*, our ship from New York to Naples. Bill, Karen and their two children are enroute to Pakistan for a second term under the Evangelical Alliance Mission. His emphasis on the need for a personal experience of the saving power of Christ illustrated the great appeal Evangelical Protestantism can have for all men, including the Moslems among whom he works.

Then, Teofilo illustrated how he embodies the international interest that is needed by all Christians by changing-over and translating from German into Italian, for the next speaker was Pastor Meyer of the Methodist Church in Hann. Munden, Germany. Pastor Meyer was the leader of a large delegation of Germans and Austrians who were spending a few days at Casa Materna.

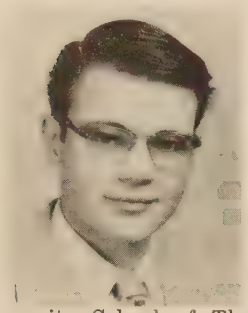
Here were Italians, Germans and Austrians taking part in the same worship service with Americans. Then Professor Leonard, Evangelical minister of France and Professor of Theology at the University of Paris, was introduced, and spoke directly in Italian. How our hearts were warmed to sit and listen to the words of a man whose country had suffered so much under the Nazis during the war. But, here he was speaking just after a German Pastor. The remarkable thing about all of this was that it was not a huge, ecumenical conference, but in an evening worship service of a community church with just regular church members attending.

I know of no place where the Spirit of God brings more peace and love than among that Family. All 300 of them are bound together with a strong cord of love that they find in Christ. Yes, I was surprised to experience the ecumenical spirit we had Sunday evening. But, I should not have been surprised!

For when we live as close to Christ as the Casa Materna Family does, then we are bound in close unity with other Christians around the world. It can happen anywhere. It depends on how near we come to Christ.

—Oscar J. Guinn, Jr.

Area Churches



Youth Director at **First Methodist Church, Fitchburg, Mass.,** this year is Mr. Hugh Gormley, now an instructor at Fort Devens who will soon start his studies for the ministry at Boston University School of Theology. He is the son of a prominent minister in Iowa and in 1954 he served as intern pastor in his father's church. Mr. Gormley is a graduate of Ellsworth Junior College and Drake University, both in Iowa.

Plainville Methodist Church, Plainville, Mass., celebrated completion of its local advance special of $25,000 as it burned the mortgage and dedicated its new educational unit October 28. This new addition and the fund to finance it were started in November and December, 1953. Dr. H. Daniel Hawver, district superintendent, was present and preached the sermon. The pastor, the Rev. John M. Bowmar, presided.

The First Methodist Church, E. Weymouth, Mass., held open house and dedication ceremonies for their new church school rooms on September 30. This dedication celebrated the completion of the first unit of a five-unit building program necessitated by need and hurricane damage. During the construction of this unit, 54 men contributed 3,500 hours of labor. Construction of the new sanctuary is to begin next spring.

The Methodist Church, Woburn, Mass., augmented their observance of World-Wide Communion Sunday, October 7, with the dedication of a beautiful Sudbury communion set given to the church by Mrs. Jessie West, her family, and members and friends of the church in memory of the late Walter A. West. During a lifetime of Christian stewardship in the Woburn Methodist Church, Mr. West served as chairman of the board of trustees, secretary of the Fourth Quarterly Conference for over 40 consecutive years, president of the Men's Club, superintendent of the Sunday School, member of the choir and of the men's quartette.

The First Methodist Church, Wakefield, Mass., conducted its 14th annual World Vision Institute in October. The Institute is sponsored each year by the Commission on Missions. Speakers included: October 7—the Rev. Elmer Douglass, former missionary to Africa; October 14—the Rev. Archiver J. Strait, executive secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension and director of the Advance Program for the New England Conference; October 21—Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, former missionary to China.

Emphasizing the oneness of all Christians, the congregations of **St. Andrew's** and **Park Avenue Methodist churches, Worcester, Mass.,** negro and white, respectively, held a joint communion service on World-Wide Communion Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Ira J. Roberts, Worcester district superintendent, was guest preacher. Communion was served by Dr. Roberts, the Rev. R. E. Haynes of St. Andrew's, and the Rev. Donald H. Freeman of Park Avenue Methodist.

Formal organization of the **Methodist Church in Groton, Conn.,** will be held on Sunday, January 6, at 7 P. M. in the auditorium of the Groton Town Hall. The worship service will include reception of members by transfer and profession of faith. At the business meeting, stewards, trustees, secretary, treasurer and commission chairmen will be elected, the new members 18 years of age and older being the voting body. The Rev. Carl W. Saunders is pastor of this new church. (See ZIONS HERALD cover, Sept., 1956.)

Members of the **Union Methodist Church, Fall River, Mass.,** have been "adventuring with silence," practicing the art of silent communion at their 7 o'clock Saturday evening Prayer Trysts.

A Junior Choir has been organized at **Mathewson Street Methodist Church, Providence, R. I.,** under the direction of Mrs. Robert F. Shippee. The group made its first appearances in December, singing carols and anthems on several occasions at the church.

At recent ground-breaking ceremonies for the new educational unit of College Highway Methodist Church, Southwick, Mass., pictured left to right are: Clifford Sponberg, chairman of building committee; the Rev. Roy R. Hutcheson, pastor; Dr. G. Albert Higgins, superintendent of the Springfield District; and Ralph M. Sizer, architect.

(Photo: courtesy of Greenfield, Mass., Recorder-Gazette.)

A tender kiss was bestowed on the forehead of the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Washer by Bishop John Wesley Lord following ceremonies of rededication October 14 at the 50th anniversary of **Butler Memorial Church, Shelburne Falls, Mass.** At right rear is the Rev. Wayne Moody, pastor.

Appointments

The Rev. Otis L. Monson, from First Church, Pawtucket, R. I., to South Yarmouth and North Harwich, Mass., effective November 15. In his new charge, he will succeed the Rev. K. W. Larrison, who was transferred to the Northern New York Conference as of November 1.

The Rev. Edward Milley from Claremont, N. H., to Main Street Church, Nashua, N. H., effective November 15, succeeding the Rev. J. Norman Barrett, now superintendent of the Southern District of the N. H. Conference.

The Rev. R. W. E. MacKenzie, who has served 12 years as pastor of the West Swanzey (Federated), Richmond, and Westport, N. H., charge, to the Vine Street, Lawrence, Mass., and Oaklands, Methuen, Mass., charge, November 15. Mr. MacKenzie, a full-time supply pastor in the New Hampshire Conference, will succeed the Rev. Robert W. Sanders, student supply, who is returning to Texas. The Vine Street and Oaklands charge has increased its ministerial support and requested a full-time man.

The Rev. Francis J. Ducharme, supply, to Colrain and East Colrain, Mass.

The Rev. William T. Wallace, from Littleton, N. H., to Claremont, N. H., effective December 1. In his new charge, he will succeed the Rev. Edward Milley.

A CHAPEL WITH A GARDEN

The recently-completed Prayer Chapel of the new **John Wesley Methodist Church, Falmouth, Mass.**, was dedicated October 21. Because the chapel seats only about 100 persons, two services were held during the combined cornerstone laying and chapel dedication ceremonies.

A very beautiful garden complete with the gold cross from the old Main Street Methodist Church of Falmouth, is situated at the front of the Chapel. It is centered with a rock-garden effect, complete with lectern and a flowing, peaceful pool of water.

GLENDALE PLANS RENOVATION

Glendale Methodist Church, Everett, Mass., held a Church Renovations Fund Campaign during the week of October 22, with a total of $51,131.10 subscribed, well over the $50,000 set as the minimum goal. The pledges are to be paid over a three-year period. The Fund is for renovations, repairs and improvements on the church building and its equipment during the next 7-8 years. The Rev. Franklin P. Frye is pastor.

Methodist Co-ed is

by WARREN CARBERG

Every year there is keen competition for such titles as "Miss Massachusetts" and "Miss America."

Many of the most beautiful and talented girls in the country are selected for such contests.

The winners receive enormous amounts of publicity. The pictures of these girls appear in the daily press, television, moving pictures and in magazines.

From such competition emerge the starlets of the future. For all the world loves beauty.

Only the rarest type of girl can resist such tempting offers. Few are able to maintain the regular routine and duties under the impact of this fierce glare of notoriety that follows.

But occasionally a rare combination of beauty and goodness emerges for all the world to see and admire. Miss Jewel Smerage of 151 Eastwood Circuit Court, West Roxbury, 18-year-old winner of "Miss Massachusetts" competition and a runner-up for "Miss America" honors, has refused many honors of fame. She prefers the quiet anonymity of being a choir singer in the Bethany Methodist Church and a student in the Mount Ida Junior College in Newton.

Jewel is about what one expects from a near "Miss America." A honey-colored blond, she possesses that peculiar American style of loveliness that combines physical perfection with exuberant good health.

Furthermore, she points out that she is continuing her choir singing and her church work not from any sacrificial desire but because she likes it.

She refers to her vocal talents with a laughing: "I sing for my own enjoyment and other people's annoyance."

But sacred music has a particular charm for her, especially the old hymns like "A Mighty Fortress," and "I Come To The Garden Alone."

Possibly her love for church work is inherited from her mother. Mrs. Marion Smerage has always been a faithful member at Bethany. She has served as a teacher in the Sunday School and as a member of the Women's Society.

But, like her daughter, she prefers to sing in the choir. Mrs. Smerage's alto blends in very nicely with her daughter's soprano on Sunday mornings.

They both have one regret. Robert Smerage,

Jewel (left) and her par

ss Massachusetts"

the husband, is a police officer whose duties prevent him from attending church on Sundays.

He is forced to be on duty when he might otherwise be listening to his wife and his daughter sing in the choir and his pastor, the Rev. Lewis Schultz, preach his Sunday sermon.

Jewel was named "Miss Massachusetts" last year at Beverly in the contest sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

This made it possible for her to enter the "Miss America" contest at Atlantic City on Labor Day. The girls are judged in three separate contests; face and figure in a bathing suit; grace and carriage in an evening gown and talent, personality and intelligence.

High school graduates between the ages of 18 and 26 are eligible. The winner and the runners-up are given cash for tuitions. Should they desire to use the money for other purposes they receive only one-fifth of the total.

In her case, Jewel received $1,000, a sum she

tters of congratulations

used for tuition in the Mount Ida Junior College in Newton where she is taking liberal arts courses.

Her mother went along as chaperon to Atlantic City. Small groups of the girls are honored guests at the different hotels, where they are objects of great curiosity and admiration.

An official hostess is assigned to each group. It is her duty to make everyone's stay a pleasant one.

All of the competitors automatically become members of the Mu Alpha Sigma national sororiety. In 1960 the unique organization will stage a reunion of all its members and their families they may have accumulated during the interim.

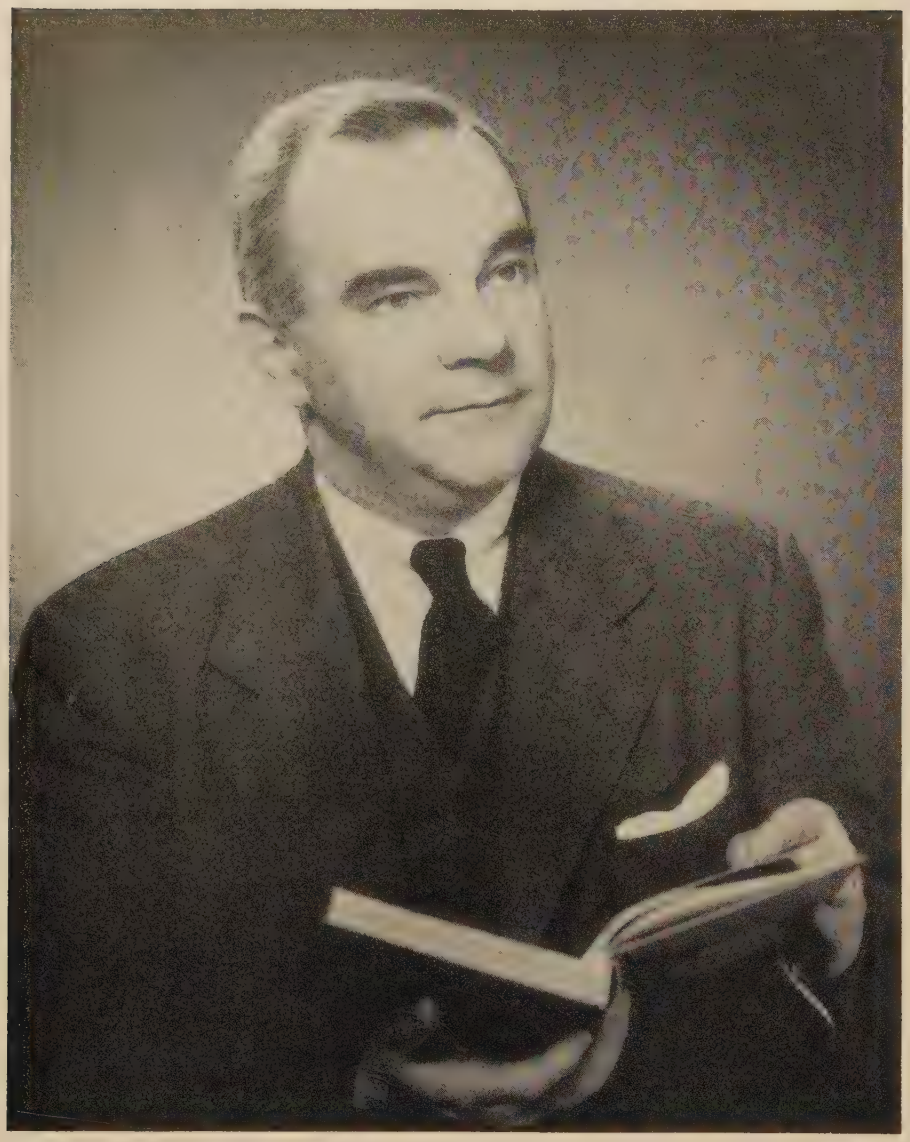
Jewel has no definite plans for the future. She has "a few" boy friends. She likes to study, to collect English bone china teacups, and she likes to dance.

Girls who have once competed are not eligible for future participation.

But in no sense have they retired. Any girl who has shared in the spotlight that is focused on the country's most beautiful girls is for years afterwards the subject of curiosity.

What she does, thinks and says has an effect on those around her. Jewel Smerage realizes this fact and she carries herself with poise, beauty and with the dignity of a fine Christian heritage.

FORMER EDITOR OF ZH IS BOOK EDITOR



Emory Stevens Bucke

L. Scott Allen

Lovick Pierce

The Rev. Dr. Emory Stevens Bucke has been elected Book Editor of The Methodist Church at the recent annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Publication.

A member of the Methodist New England Conference, Dr. Bucke has served churches in Oxford and Hyde Park, Mass. For nine years (1944-1953) he was editor-manager of ZIONS HERALD.

Dr. Bucke succeeds the Rev. Dr. Nolan B. Harmon, book editor for 16 years before being elected bishop in July. The 43-year-old Methodist minister has been, for the last two years, manager of the College Text Book Department of Abingdon Press, book publishing business of the Methodist Publishing House.

Among Dr. Bucke's responsibilities will be selecting and editing manuscripts for publication. He will have offices in Nashville and New York.

A second editorial post filled at the annual meeting was the election of **the Rev. L. Scott Allen,** of Atlanta, Ga., as editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*, official organ of the Central Jurisdiction. Mr. Allen was pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Atlanta, for the last nine years. He will move to New Orleans, where editorial offices of the publication are located.

Mr. Allen has served several Central Jurisdiction churches in Georgia and has written for the *Central Christian Advocate* and other publications. A native of Mississippi, he is 38 years old. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. Prince Albert Taylor, Jr., who was elected bishop in June.

Mr. Allen has been teaching religion and philosophy at Clark College. He is a member of the General Commission on Entertainment of The Methodist Church, and of the Commission on Expense and Agenda of the Central Jurisdiction.

In the reorganization of the corporate structure of the publishing interests, **Lovick Pierce,** Nashville, was elected president and publisher. For ten years, he has been one of two publishing agents of the church.

The reorganization was the result of action taken this year by the Methodist General Conference. Under the new setup, the entire business of the Methodist Publishing House will be under one president and publisher.

The Rev. Dr. J. Edgar Washabaugh, New York City, who retired as one of the publishing agents, was elected associate publisher.

Other publishing house officers under the new organization: executive vice-president, Pat Beaird; treasurer, J. R. Smith; and the following vice-presidents, Cecil D. Jones, in charge of publishing and manager of Abingdon Press; John H. Laird, accounting; Walter L. Seaman, sales; R. G. Graham, manufacturing; and the Rev. Charles A. Britton, Jr., personnel and public relations. All are from Nashville, where the publishing house has its national headquarters.

William H. Swiggart, a Nashville railroad executive, was re-elected chairman of the Board of Publication for the 1956-60 quadrennium of The Methodist Church. Also elected for four-year terms, were vice-chairman, F. Murray Benson, Baltimore, Md.; and secretary, the Rev. Dr. Claude Young, Rochester, Ind.

Leland D. Case was elected editorial director of the two new Methodist magazines, *Together*, and *The New Christian Advocate*, both published in Chicago. Charles W. Keysor was named managing editor of *Together* and the Rev. Dr. T. Otto Nall, editor of *The New Christian Advocate*.

Along the Asbury Trail in New England

by John Rex Shepler

St. Paul's, Lynn

Lynn was not only the first town in Massachusetts to have a Methodist Church, but it was also the first to have two of them. Visiting Lynn every year for some time after the first founding in 1791, Asbury spent a week in the community in the summer of 1795. During this time, in addition to his preaching, he performed the work of a pastor. He says of this week: "Since I have been in Lynn, I have visited Woodsend and Gravesend, met five classes, visited about one dozen families, talked to them personally about their souls, and prayed with them. I have filled up intervals in reading my Bible, and the second volume of Mr. Wesley's sermons."

Woodsend, or Wood End, and Gravesend were the sections of what is now East Lynn, including the parishes of the present St. Paul's and Maple Street Churches respectively. By 1811 the Methodist membership in Lynn had reached 211, of whom 95 lived in Wood End. At this time it was decided to form a new society, which has been successively called the Wood End, Eastern, and St. Paul's Church. The church building was erected on the present lot on Union Street, and dedicated in November, 1811. The sale of pews covered the entire cost of building, with fifteen hundred dollars left over, with which a parsonage was at once purchased. This building was the first Methodist church in Massachusetts built with a steeple. It was not in accordance with Francis Asbury's notions of fitness, but this was New England.

The first stationed preacher was Daniel Webb, who became one of the best known preachers in New England. The War of 1812 was on, and prices were high. Flour was sixteen dollars a barrel, and had to be brought by land from Philadelphia, for fear of British cruisers. Mr. Webb taught a school, having 113 scholars, and received $300 in return. Benefiting by the gifts of parishioners, he was glad to dig a bushel of potatoes here and get an armful of cabbages there, humorously commenting that he had the largest garden in Lynn.

This church claims the first Methodist Bible School in New England, starting in 1815 in the pastorate of Solomon Sias. It was not exactly a Sunday School, because it met on Saturday afternoon. A few years later it was permanently established as a Sunday School.

For the first twenty years there was no heat in the church, but in 1831 stoves were installed. A bell was hung in 1834, and the first organ to be used in any church in Lynn was placed in this one.

One of the old-time preachers of the Conference, Epaphras Kibby, who served three years at St. Paul's beginning in 1825, said thirty years later that this pastorate was the only time he ever got his allowance, or made both ends meet.

The most notable revival in the early history of the church came in 1848-9, when meetings were sustained for forty-nine consecutive nights, and only ceased for want of physical strength. One hundred eighteen probationers were entered as a result.

The old church was burned in 1859, and the present large structure was dedicated in 1861, with the future bishop, Henry W. Warren, as the young pastor. At the fiftieth anniversary later in 1861, the first pastor, Daniel Webb, was still alive and well, having had the distinction of being the oldest effective Methodist preacher in the world. At the one hundredth anniversary in 1911, the same Henry W. Warren had the distinction of being the senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

As St. Paul's approaches its 150th year, in its wide and varied ministry it is not only the largest of the ten Methodist societies in Lynn, but one of the dozen largest in the New England Conference. But it has no greater distinction than the fact that before it was a church, the great Bishop Asbury went from house to house, instructing and praying with the Methodist families of Woodsend.

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The Living Word

by Luther A. Weigle

Anon, by and by, and presently

"Immediately" and "straightway" are two words much used in the New Testament, which leave one in no doubt as to their meaning. But unfortunately the Greek words which mean immediately and straightway have also been translated in the King James Version by the terms "anon," "by and by," and "presently," all of which once meant immediately but now mean soon or after a while. When Jesus entered Peter's house in Capernaum, they told him immediately that Peter's mother-in-law was ill (Mark 1: 30); but the modern reader gets the impression that they did some visiting first, for it is said that "anon" they told him of her. Salome demanded that the head of John the Baptist be given her on a platter at once (Mark 6: 25), but the King James Version says that she asked that it be given her "by and by."

In the parable of the sower (Matthew 13: 21), Jesus said of the hearer who is like stony ground that when persecution comes he immediately falls away; but the King James translation has "by and by he is offended." When Jesus said to the barren fig tree, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" the account in Matthew 21: 19 records that the fig tree withered at once; but the King James Version says that it withered "presently."

When Jesus rebuked one of his followers for drawing a sword and striking out in defense of his Master in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26: 52-54), he said, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?" Jesus used a clear, strong word which means "right now" or "at once." But the King James Version imports a more leisurely air to the saying by using the word "presently" —"he will presently give me more than twelve legions of angels."

"A fool's wrath is presently known: but a prudent man covereth shame" is one of the realistic observations of the book of Proverbs (12: 16). But it is clearer and more realistic in the present translation:

"The vexation of a fool is known at once,
but the prudent man ignores an insult."

Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild

Church-Community "Stock-Taking" Urged

Looking toward the eighth anniversary of Human Rights Day (Dec. 10, 1956), the Woman's Division of Christian Service of The Methodist Church is asking its almost 2,000,000 members throughout the United States to "take stock" of the progress made in local churches and communities "in the basic rights which ought to be comparatively easy to apply" locally.

Through the Division's Department of Christian Social Relations (Miss Thelma Stevens, executive secretary), some 29 questions are being asked in local churches and communities as the basis of "taking stock."

Some of the questions are: How good is the "climate of brotherhood" in your community? How welcome do individuals of minority groups, whether racial or economic, feel as they attend churches, meetings, etc.? Have there been groups or speakers in the community that attempted to incite discrimination? Is residence denied to anyone for arbitrary reasons? Can teachers, ministers, and others in the community feel secure in their right to hold and express opinions without danger to their jobs or without risking serious social consequences?

Are there indications that individuals are sometimes pressured or intimidated into joining organizations? Are there groups in your community such as sharecroppers, migrants, who find it hard to have the same degree of social security enjoyable by the rest us? Is elementary and high school education available to all, regardless of race? Is your state maintaining its position that public schools must be kept public and free? Are members of minority groups affected by college and professional school "quota systems"?

Hiroshima School Marks 70th Year

During the first week of October there was celebrated the 70th anniversary of an educational institution whose history is a record of triumph over incredible tragedy.

Hiroshima Girls' School, Hiroshima, Japan, an institution of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions, was opened in the autumn of 1886 in rented rooms, grew in work and influence through the years, was destroyed in 1945, and today—rebuilt and still growing—continues its work.

It was the first atom bomb which destroyed the school, on August 6, 1945. By that time Hiroshima Girls' School had developed into an institution with two departments—high school and college—and an enrollment of over 900 girls. When the bomb fell on that summer morning it killed 350 students and totally demolished the buildings.

Three months after the bomb fell the school had rented four classrooms of a partly-destroyed grammar school and started all over again, with less than 100 students. One year to the day after the bomb fell, the school dedicated new, temporary buildings on the site of the ones destroyed. Two years to the day after the bomb fell, the school dedicated new senior high school buildings on its original site.

Additional buildings for the college department were completed during the quadrennium just ended, and today Hiroshima Girls' School has an enrollment exceeding one thousand in its high school department and over three hundred and fifty in its college department.

President of the school is Miss Hamako Hirose. Her predecessors in that office were the late Miss Nannie B. Gaines, a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Dr. S. A. Stephens, also a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now living in Mesa, Arizona; the Rev. Zen Suke Hinohara; and Dr. Takuo Matsumoto, whose wife was killed by the bomb.

New Yuma Mission Building

On Sunday, September 30, there was dedicated at Yuma Methodist Indian Mission, Yuma, Arizona, a new Christian education and recreation building. The mission, a project of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions, serves the Quechon Indians, most often called "Yumas," because of the proximity of their reservation to the Arizona city. The new building was made possible by the offering from the 1953 *Week of Prayer and Self-Denial*, an annual observation of Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds for the support of Woman's Division mission projects.

Quadrennial Symbol

Mrs. Edward Snape of Wesley Church, Amherst, Mass., vice-president of the Springfield District WSCS, with the copy she made of the symbol of the WSCS quadrennial goals.

College Avenue WSCS Holds Retreat

The first Retreat for WSCS members and friends of College Avenue Methodist Church, West Somerville, Mass., was held November 10, 11 and 12 at Rolling Ridge. Members left the church by bus Saturday evening and returned Monday afternoon after a weekend of fellowship, discussion groups and quiet times.

Mrs. Hartl Is Worcester Speaker

Mrs. Emil Hartl, secretary of Christian social relations of the New England jurisdiction for the Women's society, was speaker, November 13, for the WSCS at Wesley Methodist Church, Worcester, Mass. Her topic was "Island in My Community."

Philadelphia Friendship House

The new Friendship House, a Christian home for girls and young women from ages 16 to 35, was consecrated in Philadelphia, Pa., October 21, by Bishop Edgar Love, head of the Baltimore Area of The Methodist Church.

The home, a missionary project of the Woman's Society of the Delaware Conference, was established in 1923, by the former Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It recently acquired its new property in the vicinity of the University of Pennsylvania.

Students at various colleges in the city and employed young women who are seeking "a home away from home" are eligible for residence in the home on meeting the required standards of "Christian ideals and practices."

The home is located at 3902 Spruce Street. Mrs. Mae Morehead is the superintendent.

Youth

Church Youth Conduct "Work Day for Christ"

Some 150,000 members of the Pilgrim Fellowship, youth organization of the Congregational Christian Churches, engaged in odd-jobs all over the country on Saturday, October 20, in their ninth annual "Work Day for Christ."

Purpose of the day is to raise funds for hospitals, schools and other places of need supported by the denomination's Christian World Mission.

The industrious young people, ranging in age from 12 to 24, spent the day raking leaves, cleaning cellars, putting up storm windows, painting fences, clerking in stores, husking corn and performing hundreds of other tasks.

They were paid at an average rate of 50 cents an hour and all wages were turned over to the Church. The day began with prayer and ended with a dedication of the money earned. Last year, $40,000 was earned and this year's total was expected to exceed that amount.

The "Work Day for Christ" idea was conceived in 1948 by John Kaufman, then a teen-ager of Grinnell, Ia., at an Iowa church conference. Mr. Kaufman is now studying for his Doctor of Philosophy degree in California.

USSR Complains Youth Turn To Church for "Consolation"

A Moscow Radio broadcast complained that a lack of cultural opportunities throughout the Soviet Union is causing young people to "turn to the Church for consolation."

It said that those who are not turning to religion are being lured to drink or crime.

The broadcast quoted an article in *Pravda,* official Communist newspaper in Moscow, which blamed Komsomol, the Communist youth organization, and other groups for the situation.

These organizations, the paper declared, have neglected cultural work among Soviet youth and as a result large numbers are turning to religion or vodka.

Others, it added, are being lured to "hooliganism and crime."

The Moscow Radio said *Pravda* cited as an example conditions in Kirov, a trade and manufacturing center in the Ural region, where "the influence of local churchmen is becoming increasingly strong" because of the failure to provide young people with cultural outlets.

Open Youth Fellowship Room

The first Sunday in November saw 50 High School young people out to a Youth Fellowship supper and meeting in the newly redecorated Youth Room of Clark Memorial Methodist Church, Portland, Me.

METHODIST TEENAGERS VISIT BOSTON U.—High school students from Waterville, Me., area lunch at Boston U. Faculty Club during visit to the campus on Friday, November 9. Seated at head table (l.-r.): the Rev. E. Hartwell Daley, First Methodist Church, Waterville, Me.; Bishop John Wesley Lord; Charles M. Sparkes, assistant professor of guidance; the Rev. Dr. William Overholt, Protestant chaplain at Boston U.; and Donald L. Oliver, director of admissions at Boston University.

Christmas Holiday Conferences

The United Student Christian Council, of which the Methodist Student Movement is a member, is calling students from the American campuses to take part in one of seven regional ecumenical conferences during the Christmas holiday period.

The conferences for New York and the New England states will be held at Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y., December 27 - January 1.

The emphasis of the conferences will be on the united witness of the campus Christian community within the colleges and universities of America.

Reports Students Find Churchgoing "Fashionable"

Today's college students are finding churchgoing increasingly "fashionable" and "popular," a Congregational campus life expert observed in Chicago.

But that does not prove colleges and universities are experiencing "a religious revival," said the Rev. Dr. Bryant Drake, secretary of the Department of higher education of the denomination's Board of Home Missions.

Dr. Drake suggested two other indices, in addition to students' interests in serious theology, to gauge the "depth and vigor" of the "revival":

The number of Christian students from the South who have overcome racial prejudices.

The number of students enrolling in church summer workcamps to aid American Indians, city slum dwellers and underprivileged persons overseas.

Waterville Teenagers Visit Boston University

Launching what may prove to be a new idea for Methodist youth, nearly 30 young people came down over the road from Maine on Friday, November 9, for an all-day visit to Boston University, one of the great Methodist institutions in the New England area.

In charge was the Rev. E. Hartwell Daley, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Waterville, Me. Churches in Waterville, Oakland and in Clinton were represented.

Their tour to different points of interest on the Charles River Campus included luncheon at the Faculty Club.

Bishop John Wesley Lord, resident in the Boston Area, greeted the young people. He stressed the sense of oneness between Boston's Methodist institutions; such as, the New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston University and Morgan Memorial and the smaller churches in the outlying areas.

The Rev. Mr. Daley said that many of the youth who made the trip arose as early as 3 A. M. so that they might come to Boston.

Representing Boston University were the Rev. Dr. William Overholt, Protestant chaplain; Dr. Charles M. Sparkes, assistant professor of guidance and admissions; Col. Thomas Van Slyke, guidance counsellor at the College of Liberal Arts; and Warren Carberg, editor of *Bostonia,* Boston University Alumni Magazine.

Emblem of the National Council of Churches

The five-year-old National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. now has an official emblem.

It was approved by the General Board of the nation's largest religious organization at the quarterly meeting in Washington, September 27.

The emblem combines a cross as the symbol of Christianity, on an outline map of the United States to signify that the council of 30 Protestant and Orthodox communions is a U. S. religious organization. Circular in design, the emblem carries on the rim the words: "Jesus Christ, Divine Lord and Savior." On the face of the map is an approved shortened version of the name of the council "National Council of Churches."

The Board approved use of the emblem either in black or white or, when color was desired, green and gold.

The emblem is a modification of an unofficial emblem that has been in use since the 30 denominations with 144,000 churches and 36,000,000 members formed the council in December, 1950.

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Pope's Confessor Asks Revival Of Bible Reading at Mass

A noted Roman Catholic Biblical scholar made a plea for revival of the ancient custom of reading a portion of the Bible at every Mass until the entire Scriptures were covered during the course of the ecclesiastical year.

The Rev. Agostino Bea, S. J., confessor to Pope Pius XII, spoke in Assisi, Italy, at the International Congress of Pastoral Liturgy. He recalled that the custom of reading the entire Old and New Testaments in sections at Masses throughout the year had prevailed until the third century.

"The most adequate place for the Word of God," he said, "is the Mass where it prepares and predisposes the soul for the reception of Holy Communion. The pagan and Jewish cult separated the Word and the Sacrifice, but Christ, in the Last Supper, has united the Gospel and the Sacrifice of the Eucharist. Therefore, the right place for the sermon is during Mass."

Urging that sermons be explanations of the Gospel, Father Bea said the priest must not only be the minister of the Sacraments, but also "the minister of the Word."

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Mass. Council Studies Unity

The Massachusetts Council of Churches, representing eleven denominations working together and some 1,800 churches, has set up a central group of Protestant leaders to study the subject of unity on a state-wide basis.

Bishop Norman B. Nash, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, will be chairman of the special commission.

Members will include all the Protestant denominational executives, representatives of theological seminaries throughout the state, full-time executives of local councils of churches, and other leading clergy and laymen.

Methodist members of this Central Study Group include Bishop John Wesley Lord; Alden Eberly, Needham; Charles E. Lee, East Longmeadow; the Rev. Dr. Lemuel K. Lord, Melrose; and the Rev. Dr. H. Hughes Wagner, Springfield. Dean Walter G. Muelder will represent Boston University School of Theology.

Commenting on the studies of "The Nature of the Unity We Seek," Dr. Forrest L. Knapp, of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, said:

"Last year the Massachusetts Council included in its new constitution the declaration that one of its functions is 'to nourish the spirit of Christian unity in diversity.' At about the same time the United States Conference for the World Council of Churches announced its plan to hold a conference in Oberlin in September, 1957, and prior to that time to encourage local conversations on Christian unity.

"The Massachusetts Council was immediately responsive," said Dr. Knapp. "We are seeking to contribute to a more effective churchmanship in this state by considering the unity we have, the differences which separate us, and the nature of the unity we seek."

Other study groups on unity are progressing throughout the state under the auspices of some 87 local councils of churches, at the instigation of the state council.

All of the conclusions on co-operative unity by the Protestant churches will be presented to the World Council of Churches session at Oberlin, Ohio, in September of next year.

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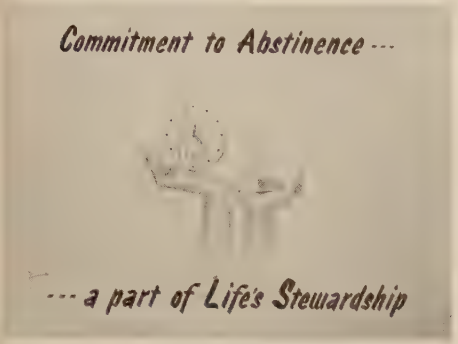
Muddled Moderates

Late Gallup polls indicate that only 60 per cent of the adults interviewed use alcohol, whereas ten years ago 67 per cent said they used alcohol beverages at least occasionally.



At the recent four-day School of Alcohol Studies attended by 100 Methodist Temperance leaders from a 12-state area, Bishop John Wesley Lord urged support for these "action projects": 1) The use of all taxes and revenue from the liquor traffic for the rehabilitation of inebriates, the prevention of alcoholism, and to aid the suffering families of victims; 2) Encouragement of the non-political enforcement of all liquor laws and regulations; 3) Prevention of the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors; 4) Abolition of alcoholic beverage advertising, except in trade journals of the industry; 5) Use of local option where public opinion warrants it.

The president of Calvert Distilling Company likes to think that Dr. Paul Dudley White, the Boston heart specialist who treated President Eisenhower, is giving the distillers a boost; but, let's notice the entire quote from Dr. White:

"The most effective drug after the nitrates is alcohol; it was used routinely one hundred years ago before the introduction of the nitrites, and even now, when the nitrites are not available an ounce or two of whiskey, brandy or rum may give quite rapid relief from angina pectoris, usually in the course of a very few minutes.

However, inasmuch as a paroxysm of angina pectoris is likely to subside before alcohol exerts its full effect, these various beverages are more useful in prevention than in treatment; and inasmuch as alcoholism as a habit may be established by this procedure, the prophylactic use of nitroglycerine is much preferred.

It should be added that although heavy drinkers seem to show little atheroma, the moderate or even the considerable use of alcohol does not protect against coronary heart disease in middle age; I have encountered a good many patients who have proved this point."

Legislative Affairs

by G. Vaughn Shedd
Executive Director
Lord's Day League of New England

SUMMARIZING RECENT LEGISLATION

(Discussion of recent legislative action of the Massachusetts General Court . . . continued from November.)

Expenditures

State appropriations for the year 1957 went to all time high—$363,423,390. A proposed $20,000,000 bond issue to start a long range MDC recreation program was rejected, as was a $1,000,000 issue for extension of the South Metropolitan sewer to Randolph and legislation to transfer the MDC debt to the state.

Labor

Organized labor received an increase in benefits under unemployment compensation, the minimum going from $6.00 to $10.00 weekly; and the maximum from $25.00 to $35.00 weekly. The minimum wage in intra-state industry was raised from 90 cents to $1.00 with the wage board being permitted to set wages as low as 80 cents compared to 75 cents formerly. Maximum workmen compensation benefits for on-the-job injuries were raised to $40.00 a week after thirteen weeks and $35.00 a week for the first thirteen weeks.

Youth Service

The State Division of Youth Service was empowered to establish a juvenile detention center in Worcester County. . . . Two executive posts were set for the division to establish and co-ordinate programs for control, prevention, and elimination of juvenile delinquency. . . . Fines up to $1,000 were established for selling or distribution to minors lurid "comic" books featuring horror, perversion, crime, or torture. . . . Recreation programs for handicapped children were broadened.

Flood Control

An interstate compact between Massachusetts and New Hampshire was voted to pave the way for flood control dams in New Hampshire to protect Merrimack River valley communities . . . Massachusetts state authorization was granted to federal acquisition of land for federal control dams in East Brimfield, Westville, Buffumville, Hodges Village and West Hill. State legislative approval was granted for federal construction of a $5,000,000 tunnel to divert the Blackstone River around Worcester for flood control purposes. . . . An $800,000 flood control project involving the Charles River, Louisa Lake, and Godfrey Brook to relieve flood conditions in Milford, Bellingham, and other communities was approved.

Sunday Laws

Fourteen Sunday petitions were presented for General Court consideration. This is less than half the number filed a few days ago. Three related to all-day Sunday lawn bowling, golf driving ranges and miniature golf. These were amended so that they could not begin until after one o'clock and then passed. Others related to the Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages at bars and counters. Sunday trucking of empty containers, Sunday licensing of entertainment, Sunday licensing of certain musical entertainment, Sunday sale in drug stores, Sunday truck and trailer truck transportation of all kinds of bakery products, Sunday dancing with orchestra of religious and fraternal groups in public (licensed) halls, and were defeated.

Miscellaneous

An amendment to establish a four-year term for governor, and five other state-wide offices, was rejected, as was a graduated state income tax and an 18-year-old voting age. . . . Legislation to establish a Metropolitan Boston area planning council was also rejected. Cities and towns were authorized to float 15-year bond issues to finance outdoor swimming pools, to be amortized by charges for use.

Calendar Clippings

GOING ABOUT

I read
In a book
Where a man called
Christ
Went about doing good.
It is very disconcerting
To me
That I am so easily
Satisfied
With just
Going about.

—G. S.

From: "The High Way"
Niantic Community Church
Niantic, Conn.

A SOUL WITHIN

I criticized a man one day
'Twas harsh, and in an unjust way
I thought I knew how he should live
I thought I knew what he should give
I thought I knew what he should say
And that was why I blazed away.

I took that man and ripped his life
My tongue is sharper than a knife
And when it cuts the flesh apart
It then proceeds to cut the heart.

O tongue of mine and your tongue too
What awful damage they can do
I later learned to my chagrin
That that man had a soul within.

As pure and clean as winter snow
Who asked his God which way to go
The blow came back, perhaps he's right
My tongue has left an ugly scar
His life my tongue can never mar
I'll wear that scar for many a day
And wish that it might fade away
And not remind me, as it will
That I had tried to do one ill.

(Written by Frank Brown Murphy, oldest member of St. Paul's, who died last August.)

From: "The Chimes"
St. Paul's Methodist Church
Lowell, Mass.

"When I met him I was looking down;
When I left him I was looking up."

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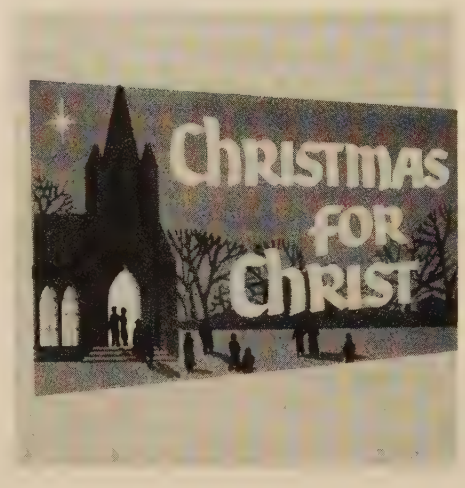

MAY SOMEONE SEE

May someone see the Christ in me
This living day,
May someone hear His message clear
Through words I say.
May someone know a higher glow
Because I go along His way.
This prayer I pray.

—R. HARWOOD

From: "The Bulletin"
Boston Street Methodist Church
Lynn, Mass.

"LET YOUR PASTOR KNOW"

Mrs. Brown is up the miff tree,
On a seat fixed good and firm;
And she'd like to tell the pastor
A few things to make him squirm.
Mrs. Brown was sick abed, sir;
Yes, sick abed a week,
And the pastor didn't call, sir,
Never even took a peek.
Wasn't that enough, sir,
To provoke a saint to wrath?
And to make a Christian pilgrim
Wander from the churchly path?
When I asked her if the doctor
Called to see her, she said, "Sure."
And she looked as if she thought
I needed some good strong mind cure.
Then I asked her how the doctor
Knew that sickness laid her low,
And she said that she had called him
On the phone and told him so.
So the doctor called to see her
But the pastor didn't go,
For the doctor knew that she was ill,
And the pastor didn't know.

—*Author Unknown*

From: "Parish News"
First Methodist Church
Portsmouth, N. H.

HANDICAPS

For every hill you have to climb,
For every wall you have to scale,
For every burden in your time,
For every stinging of the gale,
For every problem you must meet,
For every hour that seems too long.
For every mile that drags your feet,
Be thankful. They make you strong.
For every peril you must face,
For every dark and baffled hour,
For every word that tries your grace,
For every task that tries your power,
For every tear, for every care,
For every tossing of the wave,
For every load love bids you bear,
Be thankful. They will make you brave.

From: "The Wesley Courier"
Wesley Methodist Church
Springfield, Mass.

IT'S IN YOUR FACE

You don't have to tell how you live each day,
You don't have to say if you work or play,
A tried, true barometer serves in the place —
However you live, it will show in your face.
If any deceit is borne in the heart,
It will not lie hidden where it got its start —
For sinew and blood are a thin veil of lace —
What you wear in your heart, will show in your face.
If your life is unselfish, if for others you live,
For nought what you get, but how much you give,
If you live close to God in His Infinite Grace.
You don't have to tell it, it will show in your face.

From: "The Chimes"
St. Paul's Methodist Church
Lowell, Mass.

Why do I come to the Communion Table? Not because I am worthy, but because I have fallen short of what I might have been; not because there is any magic in partaking of the symbols of Christ's body and blood, but because the Lord's Supper is a Memorial to Him. I come, because here is portrayed the sacrifice of my Lord; I come, because here I have the opportunity to acknowledge my unworthiness and to make a new start; I come, because I rise from the Lord's table with new strength, new courage, new power to live the more abundant life.

—C. MALCOLM KEIR, *pastor*

From: "Church News"
First Methodist Church
Fitchburg, Mass.

From the Cabinet

by H. Daniel Hawver

Supt., The Boston District
The New England Conference
The Methodist Church

The Boston South End Methodist churches—Tremont Street, Union and the Church of All Nations—are engaged in a long range revitalization program which, it is believed, will bring to this community of some 54,000 people a more vital Christian witness.

This undertaking is being sponsored by the New England Conference Board of Missions in co-operation with the Department of City Work of the National Board of Missions, together with the newly appointed Conference Committee on Urban Life, the Superintendent of the Boston District and the pastors of these churches. The program is being set up in co-operation with Dr. Robert A. McKibben, Executive Secretary of the Department of City Work of the National Board. Boston is one of three or four cities in the nation where such pilot projects are being initiated by this Department.

The purpose of the program is to bring about a more vital approach by our Methodist churches to their common problem; to provide them with larger means and specialized leadership personnel for their tasks; and to create a greater sense of community between them. This does not mean the lessening of our co-operation with other Protestant church bodies, but rather the placing of ourselves in a position of greater strength whereby our contribution to the common cause will be increased.

In order to accomplish this aim, the National Board, through its Executive Secretary, has offered to match dollar for dollar with the New England Conference in this project. To demonstrate in a concrete way the readiness of these participating churches, a simultaneous financial canvass is under way for funds for this purpose. It is hoped that the New England Conference, through its several agencies, will accept this opportunity to discharge our Methodist responsibility in the Inner City.

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The church is sponsoring a "Try the Tithe" campaign.

Dr. Nolan P. Howington, pastor, said 70 per cent of the church budget is subscribed by tithers.

"Baptists base their strong conviction about tithing," he said, "on Malachi 3: 10: 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse . . . and prove me herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the doors of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'

"Therefore, every member of the church will be invited to share in the blessings of the Lord for the tither."

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What's On Your Mind?

by Howard H. Hare

(This column presents the opinions of the writer. The answers do not necessarily represent official Methodism or ZIONS HERALD. NOTE: *Please send your questions to the Rev. Howard Hare, 236 Grove St., South Braintree, Mass.)*

WHY ARE "FUNDAMENTALISTS" USUALLY MORE EMOTIONAL AND HELPFUL THAN "MODERNISTS"?

The assumption that fundamentalists are emotional and helpful while modernists are not, is questionable. Some fundamentalists are coolly dogmatic and intolerant while some modernists are highly emotional at times. What arouses emotion in a fundamentalist, as a rule, is either joy over the divine provision for individual salvation, or indignation at the heresies of the modernists. It is awareness of evils in social and economic areas which tends to arouse the emotion of the modernist (not a good term). He sees these evils making decent living—let alone salvation—difficult for millions of his brethren. As to either type being more "helpful" than the other, each group has its own definition of that word, and a neutral judgment would not be accepted by either. And there is a wide no-man's-land between the two, inhabited by many people. Smugness is a besetting sin common to both.

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The Rev. T. C. Whitehouse has returned to MBS with his weekly GOOD NEWS. The program is heard on Mutual each Saturday at 10.45 A. M. (EST). It is designed to make available to a wide audience a weekly summary of those events which serve to point up the positive aspects of life in our society, especially as these events illustrate conscious ethical and spiritual choices on the part of individuals and groups.

Dr. Merrill B. McFall, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Bloomington, Ind., will speak on CHURCH OF THE AIR December 30 at 10.30 P. M. (EST), over CBS.

METHODISM IN ACTION, the newsreel-style story of a General Conference, is now available on a rental basis from the Methodist Publishing House. Rental price for the black and white, 11-minute sound film is $3.00.

Showings of JOHN WESLEY, the widely acclaimed film on the founder of Methodism, have extended to Africa. The film was shown following a banquet at the Africa Central Conference. Color prints are available for rental now from the Methodist Publishing House.

Station WKNB-TV, channel 30, in New Britain, Conn., booked THE WAY starting September 30, appearing at 1.00 P. M., Sunday.

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Yankee Methodist Family

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, minister of Christ Methodist Church in New York City, addressed all United Church Canvass workers of the Worcester area in Wesley Methodist Church, Worcester, Mass., November 15.

The Rev. Charles T. Allen of Wesley Methodist Church, Worcester, Mass., was elected vice-president of the Worcester Ministers' Association.

The Rev. Dr. Francis D. Taylor is serving as interim pastor at Linden Church, Malden, Mass., until January 15. He and Mrs. Taylor are living at the parsonage, 16 Springdale St., Malden.

The Revs. Maurice L. Bullock, D. Joseph Imler and **Ernest R. Case** were in Albany, N. Y., November 1, for a meeting with representatives of the Annual Conferences of the Northeastern Jurisdiction for discussion of The Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund. Actuaries were there from the Huggins Company of Philadelphia along with leaders of the General Board of Pensions from Chicago.

The Rev. Meredith Patrick Smith is chaplain at the Ethan Allen Air Force Base at Winooski, Vermont.

Chaplain Ray Mattheson has been in Austin, Texas, supervising a seminar on Marriage and Family Counseling offered for 30 Air Force chaplains by the University of Texas. He returned to Washington, D. C., on November 4.

The Rev. William Osborn arrived at his home at 77 Bourne St., Auburndale, October 25, after a long summer at his farm on Prince Edward Island. He reports that his 15th grandchild was born recently and named William David for his grandfather and father.

At the Newtonville Church recently, **Dr. L. Harold DeWolf** of Boston University School of Theology gave an illustrated address about Old Umtali and other mission work in Africa where he and his family spent last year. He had an intensive experience lecturing and preaching with special work in the many educational enterprises.

The Rev. Guy Allen, pastor of Boston Street Methodist Church, Lynn, Mass., was recently appointed Protestant chaplain of the Lynn Police Department.

Donald G. Reiff of Chicago is the new student assistant at South Methodist Church, Manchester, Conn. He is a first-year student at Yale Divinity School.

The Rev. Steven Seminerio, of Trinity Methodist Church, Medford, Mass., was guest speaker at the Junior Hi and Senior Hi fellowships at Parkway Community Methodist Church, Milton, Mass., recently.

The Rev. and Mrs. DeWitt C. Clemens and the Rev. and Mrs. Robert F. Shippee, held open house for members of the Mathewson Street Methodist Church, Providence, R. I., so that they might see "the attractive livable homes they are providing for their ministers."

The Higher Call

The Rev. Raymond A. Withey, Ph.D., 78, retired minister of The New England Conference, October 27. He is remembered as pastor at Swampscott, Haverhill, Leominster, Holyoke and Greenwood Memorial, Dorchester. Since retiring in 1951, he has lived at his home in Angelica, N. Y., and was a supply pastor at nearby Belfast. He preached as usual on World Communion Day but was taken ill soon after and died after a brief illness at the Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, N. Y.

Veterans of the Cross

The Rev. Edwin S. Dahl is the new president of The New England Conference Veterans. The Rev. J. E. Lacount is vice-president; the Rev. H. T. Coontz, chaplain; the Rev. Frank Peverly, secretary; and the Rev. Carl N. Garland, treasurer.

The Annual Meeting was held October 23 at St. Mark's, Brookline, with 27 present. Devotions were shared with the Itinerants when the Rev. F. D. Taylor read poems and told stories of those "possessed by a dream." The Rev. A. F. Reimer presided over the Veterans with the Revs. W. C. Arnold and Maurice L. Bullock as speakers.

Greetings were received from 98 veterans who could not come. After lunch with the Itinerants, Dean Walter G. Muelder told of new plans for Boston University School of Theology.

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